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ALLIED ARMY MAKES A STAND IN GREECE, HALTS ONRUSH OF BULGARS AT BORDER

N. Y. COURT HOUSE MUDDLE; CITY HAS \$13,000,000 PLOT FOR \$10,000,000 BUILDING

To Cover Original Blunder State Constitution May Have Been Violated—Unable to Sell Extra Land Without Legislative Act—Brown Committee May Attack City Administration.

It is generally understood in political circles that the Brown legislative committee, acting in concert with certain members of the City Administration, intends to exploit the new court house project as an instance of bad city management, tending to increase taxation. This move is designed to establish that the extravagance and mismanagement of city officials, and not the State direct tax or mandatory legislation, have helped to burden city real estate to the breaking point.

Senator Brown, in attempting to justify the direct State tax, has laid his plans along the line of an attack on the city government and the new court house site offers him the opportunity of opening with heavy artillery. Just how the city administration is going to defend the court house project is not clear, as an example of one blunder made to repair another, and an engineering bungle of stupendous magnitude, it stands by itself in the history of municipal "muddling through."

All the city has to show in the shape of a new court house is a great stretch of waste land and partially wrecked buildings stretching away to the north and east of the Municipal Building. This plot has been obtained in two condemnation proceedings and stands as a charge against the taxpayers of the city of about \$12,000,000.

The city, after eight years of inaction, went into the matter of erecting a new court house in 1911. Four years of varied activities on the part of the city administration and the Court House Board have brought about a situation, from a taxpayer's viewpoint, which is as follows: BEGINNING THE BLUNDERS IN SELECTING THE SITE.

The first site, acquired at a cost of \$7,145,760 was abandoned because of a mistake of engineers and architects employed by the city. They reported at first that the property was available for court house purposes and, after title had been taken by the city, discovered that no foundation could be sunk at the point selected.

The city, instead of abandoning the useless site, pocketing whatever loss might accrue and making a new start.

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26 WOMEN WOUNDED IN COLOGNE FOOD RIOT

Police Said to Have Charged Through the Fighting Throats.

LONDON, Dec. 14.—Amsterdam dispatches to the London papers this afternoon asserted that twenty-six women were wounded, ten seriously, in a butter riot yesterday at Cologne. Mounted police charged the rioters. It was stated.

BILL TO EXTEND WAR TAX.

Congressman Kitchin Would Have It Run Until Dec. 31, 1916.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 14.—Democratic leader Claude Kitchin today introduced a bill extending the emergency war tax until Dec. 31, 1916. An attempt will be made to pass the measure this week.

WHITMAN, IN RACE FOR 1916, TO NAME STATE'S 'BIG FOUR'

Friends Plan to Formally Put Him Into Presidential Running This Week.

NOTICE TO LEADERS.

Governor Expects Progressives' Aid, but Hasn't Heard From the Colonel.

By Samuel M. Williams, (Special Staff Correspondent of The Evening World).

WASHINGTON, Dec. 14.—Gov. Whitman's candidacy for the Presidency will be launched officially this week by some Republican County Committee selected for that purpose. Arrangements are now being made whereby resolutions will be adopted by one of the organizations in New York City announcing the Governor as their choice for President, and this is to be followed by similar action in up-State county committees.

The Governor's enthusiastic backers are asserting he will have all the local delegates from every district in the State, excepting some in New York and Bronx Counties.

Negotiations are on for a combination between Whitman and the Progressive party leaders, but so far Col. Roosevelt has not been included. Assertion is made by the Governor's managers that Frederick M. Davenport, Progressive candidate for Governor, and Bainbridge Colby, candidate for United States Senator, are soon to declare for him. Intimation is given that the Governor would be willing to receive the Colonel's support as well. In fact, he considers he would be the ideal candidate on which both Roosevelt and Barnes could unite.

An emissary of the Governor came to Washington last night and saw several of the Republican leaders, including Mr. Barnes of New York. The object of the call was to impress on them that in any arrangements made concerning the vote or the delegates from New York, Whitman would have to be considered.

In the language of the confidential agent from Albany, "If Col. Roosevelt wants to go to the convention as one of New York's 'Big Four,' he must have Gov. Whitman's approval. If even William Barnes wants to be one of the 'Big Four,' the Governor's consent will be necessary."

To back up these claims, the Whitman men have tabulated the vote of New York counties and districts to demonstrate that the State is practically in his hands. Here are some of their figure claims:

The Assembly vote at the recent November election proves that Whitman is as strong, if not stronger, than at the time of his election last year.

A change of only 600 votes would have defeated every Democratic Assembly candidate outside Greater New York.

While the Republicans have three less Assemblymen this year, their total vote was 50,000 more than in 1914.

The 1915 Assembly vote was almost equal to Whitman's extraordinary vote of last year.

Whitman's plurality of 146,000 in 1914 was the largest any Republican candidate for Governor in New York ever received outside of a Presidential year.

SAILING TO-DAY.

N. Amsterdam, Rotterdam... 12 M.
El Valle, Galveston... 12 M.
Apache, Jacksonville... 1 P. M.
Parima, St. Thomas... 2 P. M.

Marie Doro, Who Became Bride And Kept it Secret for Weeks



The rumor of Marie Doro's marriage was confirmed to-day when friends received cards announcing that six weeks ago she became the wife of Elliott Dexter, an actor. The couple are now engaged at a moving picture studio in Los Angeles, and will be home after Christmas. The present romance began when both were appearing in the revival of "Diplomacy" at the Empire Theatre last spring. Mr. Dexter is a protégé of Augustus Thomas.

TRAFFIC ON TWO RAILROADS ALMOST PARALYZED BY STORM

Trains Stalled All Along Lines of the New York Central and New Haven—Force of 14,000 to Clear City's Streets of Snow.

The snowstorm which caused inconvenience and delays throughout this city to-day brought about almost unprecedented conditions on the New York, New Haven and Hartford and New York Central Railroads.

After the arrival of one Boston train which was fourteen hours on the way not a passenger was delivered by the New Haven system at the Grand Central Station. Trains which were sent out during the early part of the day were blocked at New Rochelle, and at 3 o'clock service was abandoned "until further notice."

The New York Central situation was but little better. The de luxe Chicago train, like the Twentieth Century Limited were reported at 3 o'clock to be creeping in between Tarrytown and Yonkers, running without signals and stopping at stations and switch towers to get the latest news of what was ahead.

Big snow drifts, signal systems out of commission and breaks in the electrical feed wires shared the blame. There was endless and continued confusion at the Grand Central Station. The information bureau was mobbed by frantic inquirers and would-be travellers, for whom there was no information.

A dispatch from Poughkeepsie describing conditions in the Hudson valley said that twenty-five trains were stalled near that city. Accidents caused by the demoralized schedules occurred at Harmon, Beacon, Hudson and Colonie. It was reported that several lives had been lost.

From the office of Howard Elliott notice was issued that the 3 o'clock notice was issued that the 3 o'clock

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BROWN PUTS SOFT PEDAL ON STATE'S MISRULE OF CITY

Inquiry Chairman Fences With Mayor to Hold Legislature Blameless.

MITCHEL SCORES LAWS.

Favors Greater Centralization and Full Relief From Mandatory Salary Rolls.

Senator Elton R. Brown of Watertown, Chairman of the Legislative Committee which has come to New York to investigate the city's finances, proved in his examination of Mayor Mitchell to-day able and efficient in bringing out points relative to salary increases and additional expenses in the city government for which the Legislature is not responsible—namely, for instance, John H. McCooey's salary of \$9,000 as chief clerk of the Surrogate's Court in Brooklyn—but quite timid in bringing out points relative to salary increases and additional expenses for which the Legislature is responsible. And when points relating to legislative interference with city affairs were brought out, Senator Brown was nimble-witted in finding excuses.

Senator Brown led Mayor Mitchell to admit that the expense imposed on the city by the 1915 Legislature was considerable. Then Senator Wagner, although a member of the committee, had to exercise considerable persistence and ingenuity in spreading on the record the fact that the reason why mandatory expense imposed on the city by the 1915 Legislature was light was because Mayor Mitchell vetoed most of the bills affecting the city which were passed by the Legislature.

The Bronx Parkway Commission, a State board, which has been engaged since 1907 at the expense of the city in condemning land for a parkway along the Bronx River, has three Republican members. Mayor Mitchell said the city ought to control this board and, if the city had control, it would be abolished.

Senator Brown maintained that it is a State board because some of its work lies outside the city limits and should be controlled by the State.

"Then," declared the Mayor, "the State ought to pay for it and not the city."

Senator Brown couldn't see the situation from that viewpoint. Neither could he see why the city should have anything to say about the salaries of the employees of the State Board of Elections, although those salaries are paid by the city.

"In the 1916 budget," the Mayor said, "the amount fixed by mandatory legislation is \$53,251,767.95, or 25 per cent. of the total budget of \$212,000,000. There is a further debt service of \$53,212,110.10."

Senator Elton R. Brown, chairman of the committee, asked:

"Will you tell us what amount, in your belief, should not be mandatory in this budget?"

"I think that only the salaries of elective officers should be mandatory. Everything else should be in the jurisdiction of the Board of Estimate."

Senator Brown asked the Mayor to go more into details of the mandatory part of the 1916 budget, and he promised to prepare a supplementary statement as soon as possible.

Senator Brown—We want all the data we can get, because we want to abolish the direct State tax.

The Chairman then read from Com-

ALLIES DODGE BULGAR TRAP, JUST ESCAPE ANNIHILATION IN RETREAT FROM SERBIA

Thwart Their Enemies in Attack After Attack and Lose Only 500 Men, Although Berlin Reported That 30,000 Had Been Wiped Out.

BIG ARTILLERY BATTLE ON ALONG THE GREEK BORDER

ATHENS, Dec. 14.—A violent artillery battle is being fought along the Serbo-Greek frontier, according to despatches received here to-day.

Bulgarian shells are falling on Greek territory, but thus far have done no material damage to any Greek property. Despatches filed from frontier points late yesterday said that no Bulgarian or Teuton soldiers have crossed the Greek border.

Falling back from Gievelli and Doiran, the main body of expeditionary forces entrenched four miles inside the Greek frontier. Their retreat was covered by an English division and several French battalions, who held up the Bulgarian advance throughout Sunday.

From their new positions the allies have directed a heavy fire at the enemy, whose advance was halted.

The Anglo-French contingent left behind to cover the retreat narrowly escaped annihilation or capture. The Bulgars made repeated attempts to envelop them, but each time were repulsed. In the last two days of fighting the expeditionary forces lost less than 510 men.

(Reports from Berlin yesterday)

PRUSSIAN LOSS SO FAR REPORTED AT 2,244,248

Latest Lists Contain the Names of 65,340 Killed, Wounded and Missing.

ROTTERDAM, Dec. 14 (via London).—Latest Prussian casualty lists, according to Rotterdamse Courant, contain the names of 65,340 killed, wounded and missing, making the total to date 2,244,248.

This total is exclusive of the names on 237 Bavarian, 310 Wurtembergian, 233 Saxonian and the naval and Turkish lists, says the newspaper.

GREGIANS THREATENED AGAIN BY GERMANY

Berlin Trying to Prevent Any More Concessions to Anglo-French Allies.

LONDON, Dec. 14.—Germany apparently has no intention of permitting Greece to grant any further concessions to the allies without a vehement protest.

Reuters' correspondent at Athens says German diplomats already have taken steps which are likely to add considerably to Greece's difficulties, if pressed.

It is announced unofficially at Athens, the correspondent continues, that Germany has asked Greece "whether the new facilities afforded the allies compromise Greek neutrality in any way."

Greek officials admit the situation is becoming more delicate.

The Athens newspapers announce that Greece will demobilize fifty per cent. of her troops under an agreement just entered into with the allies.

asserted that two British divisions—comprising 30,000 men—had been annihilated. According to the above despatches practically all of the forces seemed.

One correspondent stationed at Salonica telegraphed that a small Bulgarian force actually had advanced five miles into Greek territory.

The Bulgars have established headquarters in Gievelli in the buildings formerly occupied by the American Red Cross hospital during the Serbian typhus outbreak. Bulgarian flags have been hoisted over public buildings in Gievelli and Doiran.

BULGARS BROKE LINE, CUT OFF FRENCH FORCE, SAYS BERLIN REPORT

BERLIN (by Wireless to Sayville), Dec. 14.—The following statement has been given out by the Quersass News Agency:

"The Bulgarians continued pursuit of the Anglo-French troops on both banks of the Vardar, in the direction of Gievelli and Doiran."

(It has already been announced that both of these towns have been occupied by Bulgars. This despatch must relate to conditions of several days ago.)

"On the right bank of the Vardar the Bulgarians stormed the whole French front between Miletovo and Smokavitsa, southwest of Kovanetz. French Regiments Nos. 45, 145 and 264 suffered heavily. Near Neboristi our cavalry routed the French battalion and captured its commander."

"On the left bank of the Vardar we ejected the French and British from fortified positions on Raba Mountain. The defeated British withdrew to the southeast toward Karauiglar and the French to the southwest toward Bogdantsi. A Macedonian division broke through the front, captured Bogdantsi and cut off the French from the British."

French killed or captured before the most part to Gen. Bailion's division, composed of Regiments Nos. 175 and 176 and the Second Regiment of Zouaves. The pursuit continued."

Capture of 3,500 more Montenegrin prisoners by the Austrian army was announced in an official statement from the German War Office this afternoon.

Southwest and south of Florin the Austrians forced the enemy to withdraw.

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